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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION OFFICE

1. SOVIET PURCHASE OF CONNECTICUT AVENUE BUILDING FOR
TRADE REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT
AND DC BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. IN GRANTING SOVIET
REQUEST FOR USE, HOWEVER, BOARD STIPULATED THAT STAFF
EMPLOYED ON PREMISES BE LIMITED TO 20 PERSONS. TRADE
REPRESENTATION STAFF IS PRESENTLY 27 PERSONS EX-
CLUDING WORKING WIVES.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED SOVIETS TO RESOLVE STAFF
LIMIT WITH DC AUTHORITIES BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH
PURCHASE. INFORMAL OPINION OF BOARD STAFF MEMBER IS
THAT 20 PERSON LIMIT CAN BE RAISED BY EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS BETWEEN BOARD AND ATTORNEYS FOR SOVIET
EMBASSY. LIMIT IS BASED UPON SOVIET APPROXIMATE
FIGURE OF STAFF PRESENTED AT PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD
FEELS BUILDING IS LARGE ENOUGH TO HOUSE LARGER STAFF
COMFORTABLY.

3. WHEN SALE IS FINALIZED, DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT
DISTRICT AUTHORITIES TO ARRANGE SALES TAX EXEMPTION.
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4. COPIES OF SOVIET LETTER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE
WITH TAX EXEMPTION, DEPARTMENT LETTERS TO SOVIETS,

AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ORDER POUCHED TO EMBASSY.
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